

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1           1.     A contents conversion fee charging system  
2 comprising:

3           a contents provider terminal to be operated by a contents  
4 provider;

5           a contents server to store contents provided by said  
6 contents provider;

7           a user terminal to be operated by a user;

8           a conversion server to convert said contents; and

9           wherein said contents provider is charged a conversion  
10 fee for contents conversion performed by said conversion  
11 server.

1           2.     The contents conversion fee charging system  
2 according to Claim 1, wherein, in said conversion, said  
3 contents, when being described in a foreign language, are  
4 translated into contents described in a native language of a  
5 user.

1           3.     A contents conversion fee charging system  
2 comprising:

3           a contents provider terminal;

4           a contents server;

5           a user terminal;

6           a conversion server; and

7           wherein said contents provider terminal is so configured  
8 as to provide said contents server with contents to be converted,  
9 and to provide said conversion server with contents information  
10 containing at least URL (Uniform Resource Locator) information

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11 about said contents and contents provider information showing  
12 a method of charging for conversion of said contents, such that  
13 said contents information and contents provider information  
14 are registered on said conversion server, and to receive  
15 conversion fee information about conversion of said contents  
16 from said conversion server,

17 wherein said contents server is so configured as to store  
18 said contents provided by said contents provider, and to  
19 transmit stored said contents to said conversion server by  
20 request of said conversion server based on an instruction of  
21 a conversion instruction banner,

22 wherein said user terminal is so configured as to select  
23 and display said contents stored in said contents server, to  
24 transmit to said conversion server conversion implementing  
25 request information used to make a request of said conversion  
26 server for conversion of said contents displayed in accordance  
27 with said instruction of said conversion instructing banner  
28 and to input and display results of conversion of said contents,

29 and wherein said conversion server is so configured as  
30 to acquire and convert said contents to be converted from said  
31 contents server, based on said conversion implementing request  
32 information and to transmit said results of conversion of said  
33 contents to said user terminal, and to produce conversion fee  
34 information by calculating a conversion fee based on both  
35 contents provider information stored in said contents  
36 registered database and use history information registered on  
37 said conversion processing storing device, and to transmit said  
38 conversion fee information to said contents provider terminal  
39 in order to charge said contents provider for conversion fees.

1           4.     The contents conversion fee charging system  
2 according to Claim 3, wherein said conversion server has a  
3 contents registering device, a contents registered database,  
4 a conversion request controlling device, a database reference  
5 controlling device, a conversion processing storing device,  
6 a conversion device, and a conversion fee calculating and  
7 notifying device,

8           wherein said contents registering device is so  
9 configured as to perform registration processing of said  
10 contents provider information, and wherein said contents  
11 registered database is so configured as to register said  
12 contents provider information,

13           wherein said conversion request controlling device is  
14 so configured as to refer to said contents registered database,  
15 and to acquire from said contents server contents corresponding  
16 to said conversion implementing request information, when said  
17 contents are those to be converted, by the reference, and to  
18 instruct said conversion device to perform said conversion of  
19 acquired said contents and to transmit results of said  
20 conversion of said contents performed by said conversion device  
21 to said user terminal,

22           wherein said database reference controlling device is  
23 so configured as to check, in response to a reference from said  
24 conversion request controlling device, whether said contents  
25 to be converted have been registered on said contents  
26 registered database and, when said contents have been  
27 registered, to permit said conversion request controlling  
28 device to perform said conversion of said contents and, after  
29 conversion, to transmit information that the conversion has

30 been performed to said conversion processing storing device  
31 as use history information,

32 wherein said conversion processing storing device is so  
33 configured as to store said use history information,

34 wherein said conversion device is so configured as to  
35 perform said conversion of said contents to be converted and  
36 to transmit results of said conversion to said user terminal,  
37 and

38 wherein said conversion fee calculating and notifying  
39 device is so configured as to produce said conversion fee  
40 information by referring to said contents registered database  
41 and said conversion processing storing device and by  
42 calculating said conversion fee and to transmit said conversion  
43 fee information to said contents provider terminal in order  
44 to charge said contents provider for said conversion fee.

1 5. The contents conversion fee charging system  
2 according to Claim 3, wherein, in said conversion, said  
3 contents, when being described in a foreign language, are  
4 translated into contents described in a native language of a  
5 user.

1 6. A method of charging contents conversion fee  
2 employed in a contents conversion fee charging system made up  
3 of a contents provider terminal, a contents server, a user  
4 terminal, and a conversion server, comprising:

5 contents providing processing in which said contents  
6 provider terminal provides said contents server with contents  
7 to be converted,

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8 contents provider information registering processing in  
9 which said contents provider terminal provides said conversion  
10 server with contents information containing at least URL  
11 (Uniform Resource Locator) information about said contents and  
12 contents provider information showing a method of charging for  
13 conversion of said contents, such that said contents  
14 information and contents provider information are registered  
15 on said conversion server;

16 contents storing processing in which said contents  
17 server stores said contents provided by said contents provider,

18 contents transmitting processing in which said contents  
19 server transmits stored said contents to said conversion server  
20 by request of said conversion server based on an instruction  
21 of a conversion instruction banner,

22 contents displaying processing in which said user  
23 terminal selects and displays said contents stored in said  
24 contents server;

25 conversion request processing in which said user  
26 terminal transmits conversion implementing request  
27 information used to make a request of said conversion server  
28 for said contents displayed in accordance with an instruction  
29 of said conversion instructing banner;

30 converting processing in which said conversion server  
31 refers to said contents registered database, and then acquires  
32 and converts said contents to be converted from said contents  
33 server, based on said conversion implementing request  
34 information, and registers information that said conversion  
35 has been performed as use history information on a storing  
36 device;

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37 conversion result transmitting processing in which said  
38 conversion server transmits said results of conversion of said  
39 contents to said user terminal,

40 conversion result displaying processing in which said  
41 user terminal inputs and displays results of conversion of said  
42 contents;

43 conversion fee information transmitting processing in  
44 which said conversion server produces conversion fee  
45 information by calculating said conversion fee based on both  
46 contents provider information stored in said contents  
47 registered database and use history information registered on  
48 said storing device, and transmits said conversion fee  
49 information produced to said contents provider terminal;

50 conversion fee information inputting processing in  
51 which said contents provider terminal inputs said conversion  
52 fee information through said conversion server; and

53 conversion fee charging processing in which said  
54 contents provider terminal charges said contents provider for  
55 said conversion fee, based on said conversion fee information.

1 7. The method of charging contents conversion fee  
2 according to Claim 6, wherein, in said conversion, said  
3 contents, when being described in a foreign language, are  
4 translated into contents described in a native language of a  
5 user.

1           8.     A storage medium storing a control program to cause  
2 a computer to implement functions of a contents conversion fee  
3 charging system, said system comprising:

4           a contents provider terminal to be operated by a contents  
5 provider;

6           a contents server to store contents provided by said  
7 contents provider;

8           a user terminal to be operated by a user;

9           a conversion server to convert said contents; and

10          wherein said contents provider is charged a conversion  
11 fee for contents conversion performed by said conversion  
12 server.

1           9.     A storage medium storing a control program to cause  
2 a computer to implement functions of a contents conversion fee  
3 charging system, said system comprising:

4           a contents provider terminal;

5           a contents server;

6           a user terminal;

7           a conversion server; and

8          wherein said contents provider terminal is so configured  
9 as to provide said contents server with contents to be converted,  
10 and to provide said conversion server with contents information  
11 containing at least URL (Uniform Resource Locator) information  
12 about said contents and contents provider information showing  
13 a method of charging for conversion of said contents, such that  
14 said contents information and contents provider information  
15 are registered on said conversion server, and to receive  
16 conversion fee information about conversion of said contents

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18           wherein said contents server is so configured as to store  
19   said contents provided by said contents provider, and to  
20   transmit stored said contents to said conversion server by  
21   request of said conversion server based on an instruction of  
22   a conversion instruction banner,

30 and wherein said conversion server is so configured as to  
31 acquire and convert said contents to be converted from said  
32 contents server, based on said conversion implementing request  
33 information and to transmit said results of conversion of said  
34 contents to said user terminal, and to produce conversion fee

35 information by calculating a conversion fee based on both  
36 contents provider information stored in said contents  
37 registered database and use history information registered on  
38 said conversion processing storing device, and to transmit said  
39 conversion fee information to said contents provider terminal  
40 in order to charge said contents provider for conversion fees.